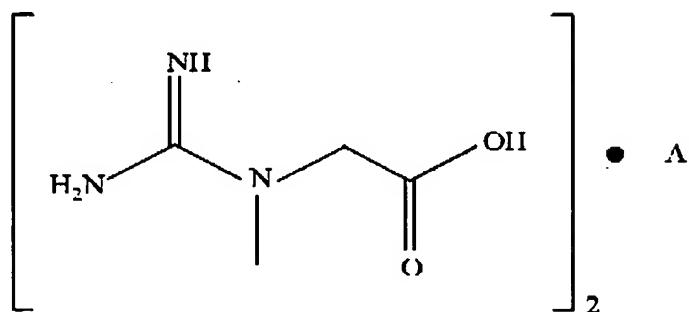


**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

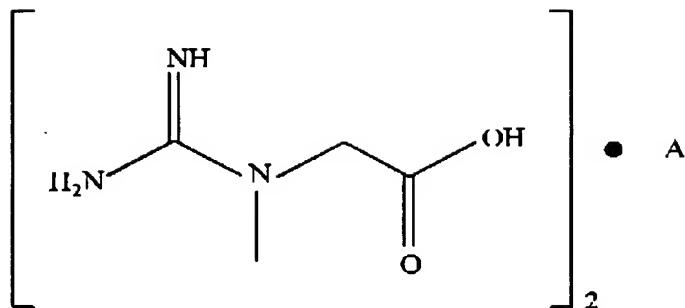
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1 - 13 are in the case.

1. (Original) A creatine salt having the formula



wherein A represents an anion of a dicarboxylic acid.

2. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of malic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, or tartaric acid.
3. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of malic acid.
4. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of maleic acid.
5. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of fumaric acid.
6. (Original) The creatine salt of claim 1, wherein A is an anion of tartaric acid.
7. (Original) A process comprising reacting a molar excess of creatine monohydrate and a dicarboxylic acid or a tricarboxylic acid with heat to form a creatine salt having the formula:



wherein A represents an anion of a dicarboxylic acid.

8. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein the reaction is carried out in an alcohol solvent.
9. (Original) The process of claim 7, further comprising separating and drying the creatine salt.
10. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of malic acid.
11. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of maleic acid.
12. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of fumaric acid.
13. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein A is an anion of tartaric acid.